



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In the matter of the PATENT application of:

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Title STANDARD BASED FIREWALL ADAPTER  
FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND METHOD

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DECLARATION

OF DALIBOR KUKOLECA

REGARDING THE FACTS SURROUNDING  
THE EARLY CONCEPTION AND REDUCTION TO PRACTICE  
OF THE ABOVE PATENT APPLICATION

I Dalibor Kukoleca, joint inventor of the above  
patent application, hereby declare that:

1) I was Chief Software Architect for VivoCom LLC  
from late 2001 until mid 2002, and I am familiar with the  
invention and patent affairs thereof, including the  
conception and development of the early 2002 working  
prototype of the computer program for our above Firewall  
Adapter invention.

2) I was Chief Software Architect of Adriacomm LLC,  
the successor company to VivoCom LLC, from mid 2002 until  
early 2004, and I am familiar with the invention and  
patent affairs thereof, including the 2003 production  
computer program for our above Firewall Adapter  
invention.

3) Early in 2002 Nenad Krtolica and I conceived and developed an early prototype of the computer program for our above Firewall Adapter invention, which included such features as client ports, standard aware firewalls, servers, tunneling, and multiplexing.

4) Early in 2002, VivoCom LLC engaged the services of a patent attorney, Paul Hentzel, to prepare a patent application on the Firewall Adapter invention. Nenad Krtolica and I met with Paul Hentzel during February and April of 2002 to discuss the claim outline (see Exhibit A) and the claims (see Exhibit B) and the supporting written description (see Exhibit D) for our Firewall Adapter invention.

5) In June of 2002, VivoCom LLC received a debit from Paul Hentzel concerning these early services (see Exhibit C).

6) During an eight-month reorganization period beginning in the summer of 2002, Nenad Krtolica and I developed improvements in the computer program for our Firewall Adapter prototype, such as reformatting the code to provide more efficient and faster execution, and enhancing the voice/video (real time) and transport communication protocol (TCP) features.

7) After the reorganization period, Nenad Krtolica and I continued working with Paul Hentzel on our Firewall Adapter invention (see Exhibit E), and on October 2, 2003, filed the present patent application on the early 2002 working prototype incorporating the 2003 improvements.

8) I further declare:

that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and

that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above application or any patent issued thereon; and

that this statement was executed on in  
Redmond, Washington.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Kukoleca', written in a cursive style.

Dalibor Kukoleca